

# News from the FPPC



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## **FPPC Agenda Includes Requirements to Pay Bills** ***Committees must pay post-election debt before making contributions***

The Fair Political Practices Commission on **Thursday (October 11)** will discuss proposed changes governing how committees deal with post-election debt. The commission's regular monthly enforcement calendar and other items are also on the agenda.

The commission's regular monthly meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the FPPC's eighth-floor hearing room at 428 J St. (Fifth and J Streets) in Sacramento.

Laws added in 2000 by Proposition 34 prevent a candidate from continuing to raise funds after an election, unless they have outstanding debts from the election. In an effort to reduce unnecessary fundraising, the commission is considering regulatory changes that clarify existing law and formally adopt previous advice.

The proposed changes make explicit the requirements that a committee must apply "funds-on-hand" following an election to the payment of outstanding debt, before making any contributions or other expenditures. The proposed regulation also incorporates existing advice that allows committees to raise funds after an election to pay for the costs of a recount—these expenditures cannot be made from Legal Defense Funds under a new regulation scheduled for final adoption in November.

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